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Leaving the anchorage at Apiang August 22nd, the Julia cleared the entrance to the lagoon by ten o'clock, and ran over to the north point of Tarawa, only a few miles distant, and lay off and on while the boats took ashore the twelve people for that island. Though we were on the windward side of the island, yet so broken is the barrier reef by the gradual subsidence of the land (a fact that was proved upon the occasion of a second visit a few months later) that no difficulty was experienced in finding a break in the line of surf. The boats returned in an hour or so, and then, as the greater number of islanders still on board belonged to Butaritari (or "Makins," which being corrupted into "Muggins," is the familiar name) Captain T- resolved to go there next.

Butaritari is near the south end of this chain of islands, and bore S.S.E. from where we were; but such is the force of the currents, and so great are the chances of encountering calms on the straight line to the southward that the Julia was headed N.N.W. until she caught a favorable breeze; then, swinging around, went to the eastward a little while, and finally put off southward, and in forty-eight hours had moved on three sides of a parallelogram, some ninety miles, and was anchored at Butaritari.

The entrance to the lagoon is on the N.W. side of the island, and once inside the depth of water permits even large vessels to move about from one station to another in safety, due care being taken to avoid an occasional shoal patch or huge madra-

The Julia anchored off the town of Butaritari (that gives its name to the island) and, as usual, we found that the inner platform reef was almost dry at low water, so that even with the boats we had to wade some little distance to gain the beach. Out on this reef, near its edge, stands a house built on an artificial platform, that is used to store coprah in. and closer in shore are a number of smaller sleeping huts standing on long posts, so that as evening comes on, the people wade out to them and pass the night free of mosquitoes.

The King's house at one side of the village is quite an imposing structure being two stories high, with wide upper shaded balconies, the whole raised on a terraced embankment and protected by a stone wall. At the gate is a "guard house" through which one has to pass to gain the interior, and in the guard house lounged the King's guard. This is composed of fifteen or twenty natives, who volunteer for the duty, and upon doing so are clothed in white pantaloons with a red stripe down the outer seam, white shirts worn outside of the pantaloons, and decorated with chevrons and shoulder straps of red worsted. Each one wears a hat with a tall crown braided from the lauhala leaves, and all are armed with the best kind of breechloading rifles and sword bayonets. A tolerable degree of discipline seems to be enforced, and as an ornamental appanage to the King's state his guard is a success.

Nantiti, the King whom we interviewed shortly after our arrival, we found mild-mannered, the descendant of the King Titimawa, and by birth and habit equal to the situation. He does not exercise the despetic sway over his people that characterizes his brother King and great rival, Timbenuku. Lord of the adjacent isles, his rule being tempered and modified by the counsel and guidance of two Hawaiian missionaries located here. His people pay him a tribute of the principally coprah, he is enabled to sell, and thus obtain many luxuries. and live in royal state.

The population of the island is estimated at about 2,000, and they seem to be in tolerably good circumstances. The town of Butantari is very prettily set in noble palms and the Jackfruit. This latter tree bears such a close resemblance to the bread-fruit that it was not until we examined the fruit that we detected the difference. This (the fruit) is very much like that of the bread-fruit in general ber. appearance (though smaller) and is filled with hard black seeds, about as large as a chestnut, from which the young trees are grown. The flavor of large as either of the last two-the the Jack-fruit is very good, it being, first being about one hundred and when dead ripe, luscious, and, as Sam | fifty tons, the last two nearly two | mizzenmasts. The main mast is of

"werry fillin'."

The day after we arrived a meeting with the King was arranged, and at the appointed hour we entered the church building, where we found a large number of what would be termed here "our very best people" assembled. The building itself is a model of neatness and airiness. It is about 90 feet long by 45 in width, with latticed sides 5 feet high, to which slope the roof timbers, that meet at the ridge pole 40 feet above our heads. Piers of coral rocks are set at intervals of about 15 feet along the sides, and on those rest long massive palm trunks nearly smoothed. Attached to these are the curved trunks of lauhala trees, forming flying buttresses, and from them again spring the rafters. Midway down the building stands a row of lofty palm trunks, which support the ridge pole, and another line of shorter ones support the slender rafter-poles about the middle of their length. Plates, posts, rafters, purlines, braces, tiebeams and ridge-poles are of lauhala or palm, and overlaying the whole is a close, neat thatch of palm and lauhala leaves skilfully interwoven. The sides, as has been mentioned, are open worked, as are the ends, and the whole is bound together with an ornamental lashing of cocoanut fibre and haircord. The floor was covered with mats, and at one side stood the pulpit and table for the minister. In the center of the building was a flat square throne-like platform, trimmed with red, on each side of which was planted shark-teeth, spears, and rods. following details given by Captain

The King approached the building from his house, he being seated on a sort of palanquin borne by a halfdozen of his guard, the rest preceding and following him. As the procession came down the broad path strewn with white sand, we saw that Nantill was dressed in a full suit of black with a high silk hat. Upon being borne into the church, we noticed that he was very fat, and afterwards ascertained that his ankles were too weak to enable him to walk any dis tance. He was brought to his "throne," and climbed on to it from his palanquin with more grace than might have been expected. Behind him came another group of men bearing on a low couch (where he lay at full length) an old, old man whom we were told was the "grandfather" of the present King. He was called Tataua, and, as after events proved, he was one of the powers behind the

Being placed on the ground, the old man drew his large, soft mat about him, turned his snowy white head and sparkling black eyes upon us and, with a group of the "old men of the island about him, waited to hear what was the message the white man had brought to the King and his people.

LAUNCH OF THE NEW MORNING STAR

From the Missionary Herald we learn that on Wednesday, August 6, the new Morning Star glided along the ways from the yard of the New England Shipbuilding Company, at Bath, Maine, and amid the cheers of not less than two thousand people, made her bow to the land as she took water. Religious services were held prior to the launching, led by Rev. O. W. Folsom, pastor of the Winterstreet Church of Bath, consisting of the singing of the Missionary Hymn and "The Morning Light is Breaking," a brief address by the Hou. Alpheus Hardy. Chairman of the Prudential Committee, a prayer by Rev. Alden B. Robbins, D. D., of products of the island, which being lowa, and the benediction by Rev. and weather require. Next is the John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath. The vessel was inspected by a large number of people, young and old, and called forth a universal expression of admiration for her combined beauty and strength, and the completeness of her arrangements. The builders are entitled to great credit for the fidelity which they have displayed in her construction. Early in September she will sail for Boston, where she will load and be ready to sail for Honolulu in the latter part of Octo-

packet, and is more than twice as

Weller's friend said of muffins, hundred tons; this one, by old or carpenters' measurement, is four hundred and thirty tons. If the room gained by the hurricane deck were added it would, by the same measurement, make her about four hundred and seventy-one tons. Between the awning and the main deck are cabins, cook-houses, sailors' forecastle, besides ample room for the needed supplies for the missionaries and native converts, such as clothing, lumber for their schoolhouses, chapels, etc. The staterooms for the missionaries are large, airy and healthful, and in ail details of construction it has been the aim of the Prudential Committee to provide for the health of the missionaries, the native teachers and all on board. Unlike her predecessors, she has limited steam-power, to be used only in calms and adverse currents, thus avoiding the perils which have caused the loss of the last two packets. The Prudential Committee would gladly have avoided the heavy expense necessary to provide and maintain steam-power, but the dangerous navigation, the long delays caused by calms, with the urgent calls to extend the mission work to distant islands, compelled them to provide it. They will, however, give instructions that steam shall be employed only when positively needed, and in harmony with the missionary policy of strict economy.

> A more technical description of the new vessel has been furnished by Captain Bray, who is to command the vessel, and who has naturally taken the deepest interest in her con. struction. All will be glad of the

> "The first feature to attract attention is the figurehead, standing prominently out under the bowsprit. It is a life-sized figure of a woman, with a simple crown, ornamented with a small gilt star. She points with the index finger of the right hand to the words of the open Bible held in the palm of the left hand. As viewed from the exterior all judges pronounce the vessel "a beauty" in lines and model. The white stanchions and plates of the hurricane-deck, resting upon the mainrail and extending from the fore to mizzen-rigging, add greatly to the beauty and symmetry of the whole.

> "Proceeding on board to the afterpart of the vessel, we stand upon a small quarter-deck, extending from taffrail to mizzen-rigging. From the quarter-deck a companionway leads to the cabin. It is built in a house thirty-six by twenty feet, with large sliding windows and blinds upon each side. Upon either side of the after-companionway is a saloon, extending from side to side of the house, with stationary sofas upon each side. From this saloon a stateroom upon either side is entered, while in the centre, through a curtained alcove, is the entrance to the forward cabin, or dining-room, upon the port side of which are two staterooms, and upon the starboard side a pantry and an-

other stateroom.

"Both cabins are lighted through skylights above, and are finished neatly and substantially in polished ash and black walnut. Each stateroom is supplied with berths, drawers, washstand, chair, mirror, and every convenience. At the forward end of the cabin a companionway leads to the upper deck on the port side, and a door to the main deck on the starboard side. Upon the main deck, between the houses, is the main hatch and engine-room, upon either side of which are large, cool accommodations for the native passengers and teachers, where large, swinging ports can be opened or closed as wind forward-house, twenty by thirty feet, with covered passage and large windows upon both sides. It contains a store-room, kirchen, room for cook and steward, cabin for Hawaiian missionaries and room for sailors. Forward of all is the top-gallant forecastle, six feet high in the clear, containing a Hyde's patent windlass. Between the fora and main masts another house is placed, containing a pilot-house, upper saloon, captain's room, and rooms far chief mate and engineer. Upon the deck there is The Morning Star is about three opportunity for a promonade of neartimes as large as the first missionary | ly one hundred feet. The is to be rigged as a brigantine, that is, with yards upon the foremast, and foreand-aft sails upon the main and